GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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SEPARATE COMMISSION FOR DALITS AND STs
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up separate statutory commissions for Dalits and Scheduled Tribes in place of National Commission for SCs/STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a), (b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has introduced a constitutional Amendment Bill in Parliament to amend Article 338 of the Constitution to set up a separate National Commission for Scheduled Tribes in order to give focusedattention to the problems of Scheduled Tribes.